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Eban reports on moves for talks

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The latest moves in the attempt to bring about a resumption of negotiations with Egypt on the opening of the Suez Canal were reviewed by Foreign Minister Abba Eban at yesterday's weekly Cabinet meeting. His review included a report on last week's meeting between Israel's Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, and U.S. Secretary of State Joseph Sisco, under whose aegis the talks were conducted until they were suspended some months ago.

2-hour strike by post workers expected today

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Post offices are likely to be closed to the public from 8 to 10 this morning. The works committees of the Ministry of Communications have called upon the 15,000 staff of the Ministry to stop work for three hours in protest against the Labour bill currently under discussion in the Knesset. Between 8 and 10 a.m. the committees will hold meetings with the workers to explain to them why they are against the draft law banning strikes in the public sector.

Britons 'not bluffing' about quitting Malta

VALETTA. — British schools in Malta are being closed in preparation for the start of the British military withdrawal from the island in about a week, a military spokesman said yesterday. The closing of the schools and the work of dismantling transportable military installations are seen as signs that the British are not bluffing in their determination to leave Malta rather than meet Prime Minister Dom Mintoff's price of £18m. as rent for the military bases. The British offer was just over half of that.

ISLAND FOR RENT

Malta, the island state which received the George Cross for its part in the Second World War, has been offered for rent by the British. The offer is for the use of base facilities on the island. The British, whose Malta forces are part of the NATO Mediterranean network, say they are offering more than £18 million a year for the island. Although the offer is not under threat, it is an effort to put pressure on London (and less directly on Washington, which foots the greater part of NATO's bill), Mr. Mintoff recently undertook a 15-day trip to Eastern Europe, returning home with Soviet, Polish and Hungarian trade agreements and a contract for the purchase of five Soviet ships. Mr. Mintoff's almost wordless slipper and join birds. He has also paid three visits to Libya's President Gaddafi, but Libya's interest in supplanting Britain can only be described as inconspicuous. The British are not on the verge of leaving Malta's naval base facilities will not be turned over to any East European power. It is seen as a bid for Libyan aid that the island. However, it is doubtful if the Libyans — not on the higher known for their generosity even to the Arab allies — will make up the annual £20.5m. which Britain is currently contributing to Malta's economy by way of aid and local spending, nor can they provide work for the 7,500 Maltese now in British employ who will be thrown onto a labour market where 6,000 are already looking hopelessly for jobs.

Sadat decides to hold new round of top-level talks

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will launch yet another series of high-level meetings on the Middle East crisis with his top political and military aides this month. According to Cairo's semi-official "Al-Ahram" newspaper, the aim of these meetings is "to put the final touches to the Egyptian strategy at one of the most crucial and decisive stages of the crisis."

The Middle East News Agency reported last night that Sadat met yesterday with the Higher Council of the Egyptian Armed Forces to discuss "some major issues relating to the military aspects" of the situation. At the same time Sadat was said to have entrusted Foreign Minister Mehmoud Riad, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Murad Ghaleb, and the Presidential Adviser for National Security, Hafez Ismail, to prepare a political study of the Middle East situation. "Al-Ahram" did not elaborate, but the major aim behind these moves is believed to be part of a plan by Sadat to keep the issue alive after the deadline for his pledge to decide the Middle East crisis — before the end of 1971 — had passed without significant developments.

19 handcuffed during leisurely N.Y. robbery

NEW YORK (AP). — Four or five well-dressed men entered New York's luxurious Pierre Hotel before dawn yesterday, looked over a guest list, forcibly opened 47 safety deposit boxes and made off with an estimated half a million dollars in cash and jewellery. Police said the robbers brought with them 14 pairs of handcuffs and handcuffed 19 persons, including guests, during the raid. It lasted an hour and a half.

U.S. urged to fight U.N. move on Jerusalem

NEW YORK (INA). — A New York Congressman has urged the U.S. delegation to the U.N. to resist the "onesidedness" on the matter of Jerusalem — if necessary, with the exercise of its veto. Rep. Edward Koch (D., N.Y.) said in a letter to Ambassador George Bush released yesterday that he was aware that Jordan plans to lodge a protest against the excavation and construction undertaken by Israel in the Old City of Jerusalem.

40 drown in Gulf storm

DOHA, Qatar (Reuters). — About 40 persons were feared drowned when a Qatari ship sank during a storm off the island of Qais in the Gulf on Saturday night, it was announced here. A statement issued here said that only two passengers survived when the vessel sank almost immediately in the storm. All the victims were believed to be Qatari.

Student who set self alight in Riga arrives with family



Ilya Ripps and his mother after their arrival. (United Press)

LOD AIRPORT. — Ilya Ripps, the Jewish student who set himself alight in Riga's main square three and a half years ago to protest against the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia, arrived in Israel yesterday, with his parents. On arrival Ripps told reporters, partly in simple Hebrew, that he was saved by passers-by after setting himself alight, and at once taken to prison, where he received first aid. The 25-year-old mathematics student, who still suffers from burns on his hands, said he spent two years in a mental institution. During this time he made continuous efforts to secure his release and to get permission to emigrate to Israel. He was able to continue his studies in prison, he said. His father was not dismissed from his job, despite what had happened.

Arab Federal P.M. for Cairo today

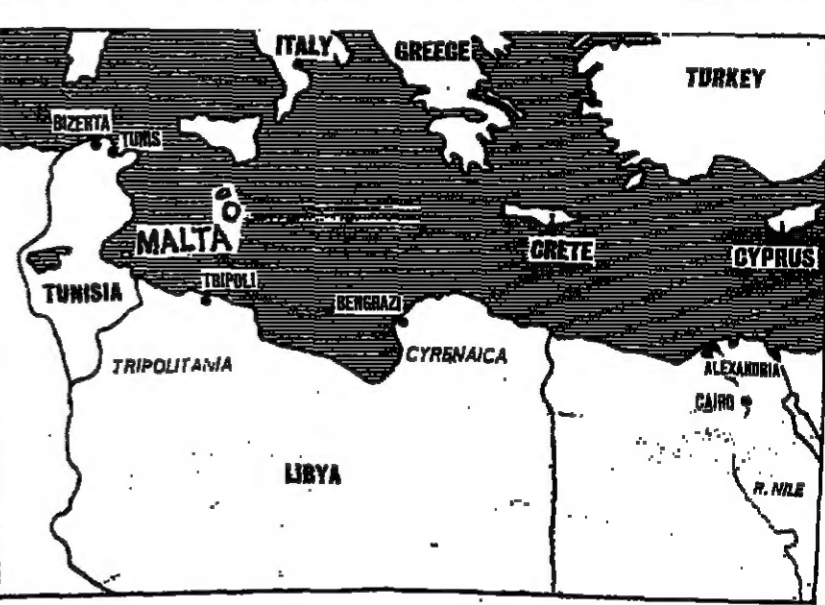
DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Ahmed al-Khatib, Prime Minister of the tripartite Arab Federation, will leave Damascus for Cairo today to take the constitutional oath before Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, head of the Federation.

Cairo lifts ban on 'Israel books'

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt has decided to lift restrictions on foreign books written about Israel. The "decision will enable Egyptian readers to know everything about the enemy," a decree by Deputy Premier and Culture Minister Abdel Kader Hatem said. Books and publications on Israel have been subject to heavy censorship, and many have been banned.

Quake in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (Reuters). — A series of earthquake shocks, including one strong tremor, shook Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, early yesterday. There was no immediate word of casualties or damage.



Chief Rabbi of France sees Pompidou

PARIS (INA). — France's Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan thanked President Pompidou personally on Saturday for intervening on behalf of Soviet Jewry. The Chief Rabbi expressed the thanks during a 10-minute talk he had with the President on New Year's Day, when traditionally politicians pay their respects to the head of the state. Circles close to the Chief Rabbi said after the meeting that it had been most cordial. The Chief Rabbi also told President Pompidou about French Jews, which the French Jewish community is building at the Hebrew University, and the French President soon to be held in Israel. President Pompidou expressed surprise and satisfaction at learning these facts. The Chief Rabbi expressed his sorrow at the fact that the French Cultural Institute in Israel had been forced to close.

Nixon 'most admired' in U.S.

FRENCHTON, New Jersey (AP). — For the third straight year, President Nixon heads the list of men most admired by the American public, according to a recent Gallup Poll. A Gallup spokesman said a consensus of the 1,504 adults responding to the poll had the President ahead of evangelist Billy Graham, Senator Edward Kennedy, former President Lyndon Johnson and Senator Hubert Humphrey filling out the top five. The remaining top 10 men listed were Vice-President Spiro Agnew, consumer advocate Ralph Nader, Pope Paul VI, comedian Bob Hope and Alabama Governor George Wallace.

Libyans 'fighting alongside Fatah'

TRIPOLI, Libya (Reuters). — Libyan commandos are fighting alongside Palestinian terrorists in Israel, it was claimed here Saturday night. During a ceremony marking the seventh anniversary of the founding of Fatah, terrorist leader Yasser Arafat spoke of Libyan commandos "now fighting shoulder to shoulder with other commandos and participating in operations inside occupied lands." Arafat, who came earlier from Cairo for a visit to Libya, addressed a rally of Palestinians together with Captain Omar Mahelahi, a member of Libya's ruling Revolutionary Command Council.

PAKISTAN NATIONALIZES ITS MAJOR INDUSTRIES

NEW DELHI (AP). — Pakistani President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto nationalized the country's major industries yesterday but claimed that this will not affect foreign investment.

Bhutto denies saying he will free Mujib

KARACHI (Reuters). — President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto yesterday denied he had told a reporter he would release Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the detained East Pakistani leader, unconditionally in "a couple of days." "Time" magazine had quoted the President as telling his correspondent, "I plan to release him unconditionally in a couple of days with hope and faith that the fire of Pakistan still burns in his heart."

4,000 soccer fans battle in Milan

MILAN (Reuters). — Police and carabinieri firing tear gas grenades fought back 4,000 soccer fans trying to get into the packed San Siro Stadium here yesterday for the crucial league game between reigning champions Internazionale and current league leaders Juventus of Turin. More than a dozen fans were taken to hospital as a result of their repeated charges on a line of police and carabinieri defending the closed gates of the stadium, crammed with an 80,000 capacity crowd. The match ended in a goalless draw.

\$3 billion in paper gold is created

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The International Monetary Fund created about \$3,000 million in Special Drawing Rights — so-called "paper gold" — to facilitate international trade. The Special Drawing Rights (SDR) were divided among the more than 100 countries that belong to the fund, with the richest countries receiving the largest shares. Countries forming the IMF agreed in 1969 to create SDR to reduce reliance on the dollar for settling international accounts. The new distribution of paper gold brings the total to almost \$9,500 million. It is divided up according to each country's financial stake in the IMF. The U.S. received the biggest share, almost one-quarter of the new drawing.

Lesotho frees 50 detainees

MASERU, Lesotho (Reuters). — The Lesotho government announced the release yesterday of 50 political detainees held in jail since a state of emergency was declared here almost two years ago. Their release means that all those ordered held in a period of political strife early in 1970 when results of a general election were declared invalid and the constitution was suspended, have now been released.

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The group also includes television and communications experts who will look into the possibility of live television coverage of the Nixon visit. The party is scheduled to land at Shanghai today, and it is expected that they will fly on to Peking the same day. The press coverage of President Nixon's trips is likely to be very much curtailed compared with presidential visits to other countries. Mr. Ziegler is in the party to work out with the Chinese how many of the 2,000 newsmen who have applied can accompany Mr. Nixon.

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Social and Personal

Prince and Princess Napoleon and their daughter yesterday were the luncheon guests of Knesset Speaker Reuven Barkat.

Mrs. Miriam Eshkol, chairman of the Israel Association of University Women, entertained the Ambassador of Guatemala, Miss Francesca Fernandez Hall, a member of the Association, to a farewell luncheon last Wednesday.

Dr. Uri Rappaport, senior lecturer in the Department of Jewish History, has been elected acting Dean of Education at Haifa University, effective January 1.

The Halifa Institute for Advanced Dental Education was last week host to a group of distinguished specialists from the U.S.: Drs. A. Cahn, E. Wanish, A. Kroll, J. Buchman, who gave a series of courses and lectures. Mr. Eitzen, who accompanied the group, gave a course to dental technicians. The courses were sponsored by the Buchman-Chan Foundation of the U.S. (Communicated)

Dr. Stephen Zimmer of the Department of Infectious Diseases and Channing Laboratories, Boston City Hospital, Harvard Medical School, is to lecture on "Current Concepts in Urinary Tract Infections" today, at one p.m., in Lecture Hall Dated, Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Etna Kerem, Jerusalem.

Professor Kenneth Holt, director, Wolfson Child Assessment Centre, Institute of Child Health, Hospital for Sick Children, London University, is to lecture on Tuesday, January 4, 12.30 p.m., at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Lecture Hall Gimmel, on "Planning and Management of a Child Assessment Centre" and on Wednesday, January 5, 8.00 p.m. at the Jerusalem Academy of Medicine, on "Evaluation of the Newborn and of the Child."

Heath to visit Poland

LONDON (Reuter). — British Prime Minister Edward Heath has accepted an invitation to pay an official visit to Poland, informed British sources said here yesterday.

The sources said that the invitation was received some time ago and the dates for the visit had yet to be fixed through diplomatic channels.

Polish and British Foreign Ministers have exchanged visits for talks, but this would be the first official visit by a British Prime Minister to Warsaw since World War II.

The sources said that so far Mr. Heath had no plans to visit any other Warsaw Pact country. He has however, an outstanding invitation to go to Yugoslavia.

Swiss schoolteacher free from Soviet jail

ZURICH (Reuter). — Swiss schoolteacher Francois de Weizsaecker, 33, returned home from Moscow on Saturday after being expelled from the Soviet Union.

He had served less than half of a three-year sentence imposed by a Soviet court for trying to help a Russian to flee the country.

NATHAN TURK

The funeral will leave on January 3, 1972 from the Rothschild Hospital, Haifa, to the New Cemetery.

ILSE TURK
MOSHE, GEULA

JACK ODER

has died.

Ania Oder
Lily and Abraham Polad and children and all the family.

SHALOM FRIEDMAN

will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1972, at 3 p.m. at the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Jerusalem.

All friends, "Landstet," and all those who cherish the memory of the deceased, are invited.

The grave is located in Helkat Haperushim, section 8, block 3, row 12; grave No. 5.

His wife, Susan Friedman and the children

Hadassah Medical Organization

announce that on the first anniversary of the death of

Prof. Emil Adler

Head, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Hadassah, Jerusalem.

a memorial meeting will be held at his graveside at the Har Hamenuhot (Givat Shani) Cemetery, tomorrow, January 4, 1972.

Assembly at the cemetery gate at 1.30 p.m.

WEST BANKERS BEGIN MECCA PILGRIMAGE



Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari addresses a crowd of Moslem pilgrims gathered outside the Tomb of the Patriarchs yesterday.

By ANAN SAFADI
 Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

ALLENBY BRIDGE. — Hundreds of Moslems set out yesterday across this bridge to start the 1,700-km. journey to Mecca in Saudi Arabia for the annual pilgrimage, the Haj, which is one of the five pillars of Islam.

The pilgrims came here from various parts of Judea and Samaria while some were from the Gaza Strip. The bulk of the would-be Hajjis arrived in a fleet of buses from Hebron, and nine of these buses were allowed to cross the span under special permits issued by the Israeli and the Jordanian authorities. Before crossing they exchanged their Israeli licence plates for Jordanian ones for the long voyage via Amman and the southern Saudi Arabian border. Scores of other pilgrims crossed the bridge on foot to take buses on the Jordanian side of the bridge.

Normal traffic of visitors and traders across the bridge went on as usual. The bridge mainly served large trucks carrying Gaza citrus produce to Jordan.

The atmosphere at the bridge was relaxed. While travellers crossed in both directions, now and then

a Jordanian officer would call an Israel officer to his side of the bridge to discuss a specific point, or to ask that photographers not take pictures of Jordanians in uniform. The frequent chats, one of which included the Jericho Military Governor, were all held in friendly spirit, judging from the broad smiles exchanged.

Travellers appeared to be walking in each direction quite freely. In fact, there was a young Jordanian who, on trying to cross to the Israeli side of the bridge without a visa, said he did not know permits were still needed to move between the two banks of the Jordan river.

After he was told that his Jordanian passport was not sufficient, he produced a Brazilian identity card, but officials at the bridge insisted this was not enough either. He then produced a written invitation in Arabic for lunch at the Jerusalem Oriental restaurant, but this too was rejected.

The smartly dressed young man walked back sadly carrying his suitcase after shaking hands with two Israel soldiers and wishing the rest shalom. He said that in accordance with the procedures explained to him, he would send a message to his relatives here to obtain an entry permit.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the bridge, a group of Jordanian government officials and military personnel posed for a picture with the pilgrims in front of an Amman TV camera covering the events of the day on its side of the span.

The pilgrims began to flock in here in the early hours of the morning. In Hebron, over 800 were seen outside the Tomb of the Patriarchs by military government officials, Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari and a crowd of well-wishers. In his bon-voyage message, Sheikh Ja'abari urged the Hajjis to go to "the house of God" in Mecca filled with "good intentions and not evil ones."

The number of pilgrims from the territories is expected this year to exceed 2,500. Last year there were 1,800.

The Haj, which means "setting out" or "tending towards," will be performed on Id al-Adha, the feast of sacrifice, which falls towards the end of this month. It is a religious obligation based on express injunctions in the Koran.

SLOW RETURN OF REFUGEES 15 die of cholera in Bangla Desh camp

DACCA. — Fifteen people have died in a suspected cholera outbreak at a jute mill here where some 30,000 Bihari Moslems have taken refuge.

Doctors at the mill clinic said yesterday that three or four new cases of cholera a day were being reported but most of them were being treated successfully. Red Cross officials visited the mill yesterday for the first time.

Meanwhile, repatriation of refugees from India to Bangla Desh proceeded slowly yesterday, but Indian officials said they were confident they could meet their timetable to send the nearly 10 million displaced persons home in about two months.

Col. P.N. Luthra, India's chief refugee relief officer, said in Calcutta that 650,000 refugees have crossed into Bangla Desh since Pakistani forces surrendered 17 days ago. He said the flow will soon increase sharply as the government

provides more trains, trucks, and boats to move the refugees, and as more start finding their own way home.

An average of 190,000 refugees will have to leave every day if the job is to be completed by the end of February as envisioned by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. But there was no sense of urgency yesterday at Bongaon Junction, a border station on the railroad line to the Bangla Desh cities of Jessore and Khulna.

Two trains, carrying fewer than 5,000 refugees, left Bongaon in a slow and seemingly unplanned evacuation. One train left in the morning. The other, with 21 cars, stood on a siding for hours as refugees straggled to the station.

Some came on trucks supplied by the United Nations, but most walked from nearby camps. Refugee families squatted along the tracks through the day cooking meals and washing themselves at a pump. Others sat on the hard benches inside the coaches, waiting patiently until the train pulled out in mid-afternoon.

In New Delhi, Mrs. Gandhi said yesterday that India has no ambitions to become a "big power" despite its victory over Pakistan. "India stands for equality among nations," she declared at a public rally organized by her ruling Congress Party to hail her leadership. "We do not want to threaten or pose a danger to any country. The big power concept as well as the concept of balance of power is outdated." (Reuter, AP)

Goldmann urges Soviet: Set up Jewish bodies

LONDON (UPI). — Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Jewish Congress, said yesterday he welcomed the decision of the Soviet Government to allow increasing numbers of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel, but called on the Kremlin to grant Jews further freedom — the right to set up an institution to speak on their behalf to world Jewish organizations.

"At the same time I urge the world Jewish community to continue its demand for the right of Soviet Jews to develop their life and maintain their identity both religiously and nationally," Dr. Goldmann said in a telephone interview with the British news agency press association.

Now as before, he said, the key to the Jewish future was the State of Israel, "as both a state and a new society and civilization."

"I am happy that the Soviet Union, after a long period of denying Soviet Jews the right to go to Israel, has finally recognized that even from his own point of view it should not continue to deny this right and is allowing increasing numbers of Soviet Jews to go to Israel," Dr. Goldmann said.

He added that assimilation, not anti-Semitism, is now the greatest threat to continued survival of the Jewish People.

Dr. Goldmann said "erosion and disintegration" are the effects of such absorption on the Jewish identity. "The Jewish people, who in centuries of persecution developed a unique capacity to survive bad times, must now develop the art of remaining Jewish in good times," he said.

Zambia detainees on hunger strike

LUSAKA (Reuter). — Fifty-six members of the opposition United Progressive Party have been on hunger strike for the past five days at Kabwe, north of here, where they are being held under Zambian emergency regulations, it was reported yesterday.

The "Times of Zambia" said they were protesting against their detention, which began in September when they and more than 50 other Progressive Party members were held for alleged subversive activities.

The party is led by Mr. Simon Kapwepwe, a former Vice-President.

PAT NIXON WELCOMED TO LIBERIA

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP). — America's First Lady, Pat Nixon, received a warm, embracing ceremonial welcome, a 19-gun salute and the honour of reviewing Liberian troops as she arrived in Africa yesterday on a diplomatic mission unprecedented for a U.S. president's wife.

She came on a goodwill trip in the interest of world peace. "I feel it is terribly important to keep in touch with your neighbours in order to build world peace," she told reporters as she flew across the Atlantic Saturday night to head a U.S. delegation at the inauguration of Liberian President William Tubman Jr.

Mrs. Nixon said she was carrying personal letters and messages from President Nixon to the leaders of the three West African nations she will visit this week — Liberia, Ghana and the Ivory Coast. But she smilingly refused to divulge their contents.

She was greeted with kisses on both cheeks by President and Mrs. Tubman at Roberts Field International Airport and was handed a bouquet of flowers by President Tubman's granddaughter, Mrs. Nixon got the full ceremonial treatment usually reserved for top-ranking officials. It included reviewing the troops of the Liberian National Guards who stepped smartly to strains of the theme from the "Bridge on the River Kwai."

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Nixon on TV as U.S. presidential race speeds up

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Presidential politics are moving into high gear in the U.S. with President Nixon giving an hour-long live television interview last night and Senator Edmund Muskie due to declare his candidacy tomorrow.

While Mr. Nixon may delay formal announcement of his re-election bid a little longer, the television interview is an opportunity to put a gloss on his record of the past three years and outline his future plans.

Senator Muskie, Democrat, Maine, has perhaps the best chance of capturing the presidency from Mr. Nixon next November.

While it is assumed by everyone, including the President's staff, that he will seek a second four-year term, Mr. Nixon may hold off for some weeks before declaring himself a candidate, observers believe.

Senator Muskie, the soft-spoken son of Polish immigrants, has been quietly preparing for months to wrest the Democratic nomination from a long list of rivals that includes former Vice-President Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, who lost to Mr. Nixon in 1968. The middle of the road Senator Muskie, who was Senator Humphrey's vice-presidential running mate four years ago, has been the generally acknowledged front-runner among Democrats for more than a year.

Only Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, who has repeatedly insisted that he is not a candidate, has matched Senator Muskie in popularity polls among Democrats.

Now that the field of Democrats has widened, Senator Muskie is faced with the task of maintaining momentum.

In the view of most observers, he must win convincingly in New Hampshire, bordering on his home state, to give impetus to his campaign.

Senator Muskie's opponents in New Hampshire will include South Dakota, who has been officially a candidate for a year but who has had difficulty in attracting support except among those on the left fringes of the Democratic Party.

Two of Senator Muskie's biggest rivals — Senator Humphrey and the moderately conservative Senator Henry Jackson of Washington — are skipping New Hampshire, preferring to challenge the Senator from Maine on more neutral ground.

Senator Humphrey, who says he believes his chances of winning the presidency are much greater than when he narrowly lost last time, will formally declare his candidacy on January 10, when he will indicate his strategy for winning his party nomination a second time.

U.S. planes try to slow Laos offensive

SAIGON. — U.S. B52 heavy bombers are being used in an operation aimed at slowing a North Vietnamese dry season offensive in northern Laos, military sources disclosed yesterday.

Sources said the B52s have been launching attacks for the past 10 days in northern Laos in support of the CIA-supported guerrilla army of General Vang Pao.

The North Vietnamese reportedly have committed 15,000 to 20,000 troops, the equivalent of three divisions, to the offensive. Despite U.S. air support of all types, the North Vietnamese overran the Plain of Jars 10 days ago and now are threatening Vang Pao's headquarters at Long Cheng, 125 kms. northeast of Vientiane.

The CIA has evacuated its sophisticated electronics equipment from Long Cheng as a precautionary move.

The U.S. Command yesterday said

there were no U.S. tactical fighter-bomber or B52 strikes in South Vietnam, and sources reported that heavy American air attacks were being concentrated in Laos.

These sources said about 400 fighter-bomber strikes and 50 B52 strategic strikes were down in Laos Saturday and yesterday against North Vietnamese supply lines leading to several fronts in Indochina and in support of royal Laotian forces.

Radio Hanoi reported yesterday that the U.S. suffered its first air loss of 1972 over North Vietnam when gunners Saturday shot down an American plane over Nam Dinh Province.

While attention continued to focus on the Indochina air war, U.S. military command records showed that the U.S. lost about 1971 with the heaviest tactical aircraft losses since prior to the bombing halt on November 1, 1969. (AP, Reuter)

Soviet more aggressive in M.E.—'N.Y. Times'

NEW YORK (INA). — The "New York Times" reported from Beirut on Saturday that the Soviet Union, apparently encouraged by the success of its support for India, has shown signs of pursuing a more aggressive policy in the Middle East.

The story said observers in Beirut thought the Russians now intended to compete with China in sponsoring the terrorist groups and Marxists in Arab countries.

Terrorist sources said little about reports from Washington that the Soviet Union had offered to train terrorists in Russia and to provide treatment for those terrorists seriously hurt in action against Israel. The offer was reportedly made to Yasser Arafat when he visited Moscow last October.

"Informed sources" were quoted as saying that the Soviet Union has for some time been training officers of the Palestine Liberation Army. The terrorists in Jordan have also been receiving weapons from both the Soviets and the Chinese since the Jordanian crackdown.

Observers said Arafat's visit to Moscow had improved Pata's relations with the Soviets but they believe Soviet military aid to the terrorists would be given indirectly through other Communist countries and through Syria and Egypt. The story said that in Beirut the improvement in terrorist ties with the Soviets is regarded as a challenge to the Chinese influence among the terrorists.

SOVIET: LIN IS DEAD

LONDON (Reuter). — "The Observer" reported yesterday that Russian is "reasonably certain" that Chinese Defence Minister Lin Piao, official heir to Chairman Mao Tse-tung, is dead.

The paper's Moscow correspondent, Dev Muzarika, also said that the Russians believe Lin Shao-chi, Mao's heir-apparent until his ouster at the start of the cultural revolution in 1966, died in Peiking in November.

Lin Piao was largely dropped from public mention in China in early September.

(No confirmation of "The Observer" report was available in Moscow yesterday.)

"The Observer" said that medical experts reconstructed the remains of a bullet-riddled body found in a Chinese aircraft which crashed in Soviet-dominated Mongolia in September. "They now feel reasonably certain that two of the bodies were those of Lin Piao and his second wife, Yeh Chun, although there seem to be some misgivings that they could be doubles planted by Peking," said the paper.

(Western diplomatic sources in Hongkong reported last month that millions of Chinese were being told that Lin Piao died in a plane crash while fleeing the country following his overthrow of Mao.)

(The sources, quoting travellers and refugees from China, said Communist officials were holding special meetings to tell the people that Lin Piao tried to kill Mao on three occasions.)

(An editorial printed in major Chinese papers on Saturday returned to Liu Shao-chi as a swindler but made no mention of Lin Piao.)

"The Observer" said the Russians predict trouble ahead for Chinese Premier Chou En-lai, who may be held responsible "if President Nixon's much heralded visit to Peking in February does not produce results satisfactory to Mao."

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Riots in Iraq as Iranians expelled

TEHRAN. — The number of Iranians expelled from Iraq for the 60,000 figure on Sunday, according to reports from the border post of Khosrovi. Many of the refugees brought reports of a riot in Khababa, Najaf and Kham in Iraq, in which at least 14 persons died. The riots began as demonstrations staged to protest against the expulsions of the Iranians, the sources said.

The sources claimed the Iranian regime has clamped martial law in towns where many of the quarter million Iranians in Iraq are living.

Teheran Radio reported that refugees from Iraq were arriving at the border observing in below zero temperatures and suffering from days without food.

Iraq severed relations with Iran early last month after Iranian forces had occupied the three Gulf islands of Abu Musa, Greater and Lesser Tumb. (AP, Reuter)

Feisal receives boxer Ali

AMMAN (Reuter). — King Feisal of Saudi Arabia yesterday received former world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali in Riyadh, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

In a report broadcast by Saudi Radio monitored here, the agency said Ali, accompanied by Prince Feisal Ben Fahd ben Abdul-Aziz, Secretary-General of Youth Welfare, also met Prince Salman Ben Abdul-Aziz, the Governor of Riyadh. (It added that Muhammad Ali and Prince Salman had a cordial conversation and discussed the importance of the Islamic religion.)

"I am proud to be a member of the Islamic nation," Ali was quoted as saying.

Sudan gets a political party

KHARTOUM. — President Numeiry yesterday officially inaugurated the Sudanese Socialist Union, the country's only political party.

Emperor, Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, representatives of Arab countries, and of China, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Guinea and Tanzania attended the ceremony.

Addressing the gathering, Numeiry said that the revolution was proceeding to place authority in the hands of the people. "This is one of our glorious days, through which we enter the democratic construction phase."

Political parties were banned in Sudan after the May 1969 army-backed revolution in which General Numeiry came to power. (UPI, Reuter)

27 killed in crash of Philippine bus

MANILA (AP). — A passenger bus fell from a precipice in the mountain province of northern Luzon Saturday, killing at least 27 persons, the Philippine News Service reported yesterday.

The news agency said more than 30 others were injured, many critically.

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Streamlining the process of preparing for decision

Changes in the mechanism of the Foreign Ministry uses to advise its Minister are one of the plans of Director-General MORDECHAI GAZIT, reports The Post's YA'ACOV BEUEL.



did not require Israel to negotiate on the basis of any preconditions. "A slightly odd explanation, to be sure, but the question is, what should we do with it? Or should we file and forget it? Or should we rather say, call in the ambassador from that West European country for a sort of 'bull session' in the Ministry — they use a lot of it in the State Department in Washington, where it once served as minister in our embassy — and have a heart-to-heart talk with him, never mind how long, in the course of which his government's errors will be pointed out to him in full, and the rightness of our course will be set out in complete detail. And then have the same process, more or less, repeated in the ambassador's own capital by our ambassador there, and finally have our people sound out the other West European governments which voted the same way to discover whether they also felt the same way. Personally I'm all for that."

Weight of resolution

"Why?" asks Mr. Gazit. "Because if it turns out that a goodly number of responsible governments voted for the resolution on the understanding that it did not say that which it seemed to say, then the resolution loses whatever weight it might otherwise possess in getting negotiations under way between us and the Egyptians."

"Mind you," adds Mr. Gazit, "I'm not minimizing the role of imperatives and unknowns in the making of foreign policy. There is, for example, a question, vitally relevant to our concerns, about the direction of U.S. global strategy these days. I myself doubt whether the American President — any American President, in fact — would agree to lower his country's 'profile' to such a degree as to create the feeling among Soviet rulers that 'anything goes,' and that they need not worry about U.S. reaction to whatever they decided to do. I also doubt whether Washington would buy Moscow's 'piecemeal' solution of the world's problems, rather than insist on a 'package deal' in which all the pieces would be neatly tied up in the string of American interests."

"This is an educated hunch, of course, but I can't conceive of the man in the White House shrinking from a course of action he considers necessary for the protection of American interests, even if in the process he incurs some unpopularity. I don't believe that the tendency towards a 'fortress America,' however widespread it may be today, represents current strategic thinking in the U.S. But this is not a theorem that can be proved mathematically, of course."

"In the fall of 1969, you may remember, the Americans very nearly struck a deal with the Russians on the Middle East. I'm still waiting for a reasoned explanation why the agreement was not consummated. Maybe the Americans themselves are not sure. When it comes to the Russians, the number of unknowns rises staggeringly, of course."

"I also can't tell you — I wish I knew — why Dr. Jarring came up with his memorandum last February. He must have thought that he had good reasons to act as he did, yet our response was a surprise to him. This was surprising, since we had made no secret of our position in the discussions with him. It is still a mystery."

"And then, too, as a general rule, speaking methodologically, if I may, to err — even blunder to the point of incongruity, sometimes — is after all only human. We must not underestimate the capacity of mere flesh and blood to act even against their own interests. But at this does not absolve us from the duty of attempting a rational calculus of the tactical options for Israel's foreign policy."

At this point, a veteran Post staffer demurred. Mr. Gazit's reformist sentiments had a somewhat familiar ring. Somewhat ruefully, Mr. Gazit conceded that, yes, his predecessors in the post had probably felt the same. Indeed, the outgoing Director-General, Mr. Gideon Rafael, had told him just the other day that this was precisely the kind of result he would have liked to get out of the Ministry — the ability to see ahead. "All I can say," said Mr. Gazit, "is come back in a year's time, and we'll see what has, in fact, changed."

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fence-sitting observers, the inner workings of the Foreign Ministry have long taken on a somewhat messy aspect. Senior officials appeared to have little time for careful analysis, considered assessment, and detailed planning of policies. Overwhelmed by an ocean of paperwork they seemed barely able to hold their heads above the surging torrents of daily dispatches — to survey the scenery soberly, and to propose thoughtful conclusions. While the overall national goals may have been fairly well-defined — these were, in any event, the responsibility of the Cabinet, and in some measure the Knesset as a whole, rather than of the Ministry — the concrete measures taken to implement them would all too often bear the earmarks of haphazard improvised response to a foreign challenge.

Now it turns out that this, roughly, is also the view of knowledgeable insiders, even though they'll doubtless object that the picture is rather overdrawn. In any case, the Ministry's new Director-General, Mordechai Gazit, who took over yesterday, is determined to redraw the picture. At a meeting with The Post's editorial staff last week, Mr. Gazit said he was perfectly satisfied with the way the traditional executive functions of the Ministry were being carried out — routine contacts with foreign governments, consular work abroad, coordination of foreign activities with other ministries at home.

"What has been most sorely missing in our work," he says, "is a procedure that would allow the use of the Ministry as an instrument for policy recommendation. We should, I think, be organized in such a way as to be able to sift the incoming material, analyze it properly, and work it into a series of reasoned alternative tactical options, for carrying out Government policy, each with its own 'cost' clearly specified so that the Minister can then take his pick from among a number of routine — it is, in fact, the standard operating procedure in the Army today, and I can't for the life of me see why we should be lagging behind the military in this respect."

The 49-year-old new Director-General has spent nearly all his working adult life in the service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After graduating from the Hebrew University, with a major in archaeology,

he prepared for a diplomatic career by enrolling in the select "school for diplomats" set up by the Jewish Agency in 1947. Before joining the Ministry, this Haganah veteran saw battle as company commander in the Jerusalem area during the War of Independence; he was in charge of reinforcements to the Old City at a critical state in the defense of the Jewish quarter. And he has retained a great respect for the armed establishment. In preparing for his new job he picked some top army along with civilian brains for suggestions on organization.

"He is known as a stickler for professionalism — not the formal trappings, which he scorns, but the uncompromising thoroughness."

Action in crisis

There is an adage which says that the only thing that lends itself to planning in the Foreign Ministry is the timing of crises — always at the wrong time. Mr. Gazit wryly disagrees. The timing is unimportant, he claims.

"Take the case of an oil tanker bound for Israel which is suddenly attacked by Arab terrorists at Bab el-Mandeb, and at the worst possible time — on a Friday. Now I see no earthly reason why we should wait for the attack to occur in order to start scratching our heads over such questions as who should be invited to take part in a panel to discuss the emergency, and who among them should be assign-

ed to prepare which position paper on precisely what topic. All this could easily have been done far in advance — not every detail, of course, since the number of possible contingencies is virtually infinite, but the general contours of the case could have been drawn up ahead of time. This kind of thing would enable us to come up, a very short while after the attack, with a number of well-argued tactical options for the Minister's consideration. It is not our business to determine policy, certainly, but we must be in a position to propose alternative tactics.

"And another thing. This Ministry ought, in my opinion, to adopt a clear-cut operational doctrine. There must be recognized principles to govern our work: at the top of the list I'd place the principle of the diplomacy of perseverance — in simple language, the idea that you don't abandon a job until you've seen it through to completion. This may strike you as a truism, but I'm afraid that in our line of work, at least, it isn't."

"For example: after the voting on the Afro-Asian resolution in the General Assembly last month — on getting us back to the Jarring talks on the basis of the Feb. 8 memorandum — the representative of a certain West European country which was among the yes-sayers came up to our delegation with the apologetic explanation that they had voted the way they had because, in their understanding, the resolution



Egyptian soldiers busy at work on a landing ramp on their side of the Suez Canal last week. The wall of sandbags, centre, would be pushed down by Egyptian armoured vehicles in the event of an attempted crossing of the waterway. (Israel Sun)

Right: Alexandre de Marenche, right, Director of the S.D.E.C.E., the counter-espionage service, presents members of his staff to President Georges Pompidou, centre, during a New Year reception at the Elysee Palace in Paris. Prime Minister Jacques Chaban-Delmas is on the left. (AP radiophoto)



Below: Indian soldiers on their way back to India, right, pass a truck loaded with refugees returning to Bangla Desh on Saturday. The truckload of refugees was one of the small groups that began the trek back home on the new year. (AP radiophoto)



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Pakistanis seemed set to leave East when war broke out

By A. B. MUSA

DACCA (ANS) — EVIDENCE is being unearthed here to suggest that the Islamabad government was preparing to withdraw from East Pakistan when the war started. In the past three months many of the movable resources of the East wing, now Bangla Desh, were transferred to the West.

Banknotes were burned in all banks, mill and factory machinery was dismantled and much of it was removed to Karachi and Lahore. More than 20,000 public and private

vehicles were also shipped to West Pakistan.

Army officers and civilian officials arriving here after October did not bring their families. Those whose families were sent here sent them home in early October. A local army officer, who had been serving here for the past nine months, said that all industries were crippled systematically and the economy deliberately ruined by the Pakistan Army.

According to the latest estimates, private and Government property damaged during nine months amounts to about \$2,000 m. The most damage was inflicted on roads,

bridges, railway and river communications. The new Bangla Desh government now finds that there is no money in the banks to meet the cost of day-to-day administrative expenses.

All securities, gold and other negotiable bonds had been transferred to West Pakistan. Imports to East Pakistan were diverted to West Pakistan from October.

In mid-November, Pakistan withdrew two divisions of its army from the East; they had arrived here between July and September. Most of the civilian aircraft were flown to Burma from Dacca and Chittagong in November. Among them were two Boeing 707s, five Fokker Friendship and four Twin Otter planes.

Simple funeral for Chevalier

PARIS (Reuters). — Maurice Chevalier, who died here of a heart attack on Saturday night at the age of 83, is to have a simple and strictly private funeral on Wednesday, his secretary said yesterday.

Chevalier, the actor-singer who charmed audiences all over the world, will be buried near his home in the Paris suburb of Marnes la Coquette after a service at a local church.

He will be buried next to his mother, whom he adored. He once said: "Any of my good qualities come from my mother."

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The Moshav Bill and the right to change one's mind

THE Cooperative Societies Bill, popularly dubbed the "Moshav Bill" (because its most controversial sections concern the moshav, or cooperative village) will be introduced to the Knesset this afternoon by Labour Minister Yosef Almagor. Mr. Abramov, its leading critic, has been deputized to open the debate for the Opposition.

It is the longest bill ever submitted to the Knesset, having more clauses (357) than there are days in the Hebrew year. That reflects its long history. It was tabled in the Fifth Knesset, but never reached the first reading. Presented again to the Sixth Knesset, it passed its first reading, but was bogged down in committee.

A clause has been introduced this time to secure support of the National Religious Party. And this leads to the heart of the bitter controversy that has dogged the bill from its beginning. It concerns the essential nature of a moshav.

Town life is based on the individual; kibbutz life is based on the collective. The moshav is between-and-between. Mr. Abramov is firm on which comes first. "It is a village, within whose confines there exists a cooperative," he states.

Dispute in terms

Old-timers in the movement do not see it that way. They say the village is the cooperative. And the cooperatives, that is the moshavim, are grouped into cooperatives of cooperatives — such as Tuva, which markets the output of all villages affiliated to the Histadrut, and Tsahal Ha-Moshavim, their central or parent organization. For 50 years this cooperative system was the unwritten rule; until, with the increasing complexity of modern life, members started breaking the rule. Some villages wanted to make their own marketing arrangements. Some settlers preferred to work in towns, employing others to till the farm. It was decided that the time had come to enforce discipline by giving the rules a written, statutory form. And here came the parting of the ways.

Mr. Abramov believes that the necessary legislation already exists. In 1967 the Knesset passed a law empowering the Minister of Agriculture to displace a farmer from State land if he neglects his allotment. That is sufficient, according to Mr. Abramov. But it was not sufficient for the moshav Establishment, and they sponsored another bill, the one now under consideration — which gives them the kind of powers that ought by right to belong to the State. It is a far cry, in Mr. Abramov's opinion, from the principles of voluntary cooperation.

The clash is between the old Russian view (which antedates the Bolshevik revolution) that society predominates over the individual, and the liberal Western view that society serves the individual. The Moshav Bill lays down that if a member breaks the rules, he can be expelled from the settlement. What rules? The rules of the contract — any rules that the moshav sees fit to introduce into its charter, provided they are approved by the Labour Minister.

Double jeopardy

The moshav can specifically expel a member if he has been in the habit of disturbing the peace and has been sentenced for it in court. Mr. Abramov, an advocate by profession, is indignant. If a man has been tried in court and punished for the offence, how can he be penalized a second time? Sponsors of the bill believe that a brotherhood of men, linked in the intimacy of a cooperative society, should be en-

The Moshav Bill, due to be tabled in the Knesset today, "violates basic human rights. In the U.S., it would be thrown out as unconstitutional," said Gahal M.K. ZALMAN ABRAMOV, in an interview with The Post's DAVID KRIVINE.

itled, if they wish to dober a member from their community if he is a convicted felon. But Mr. Abramov sees the moshav as a village, a municipal entity, a geographical location. It is intolerable that private people should be given the statutory right to hound a man out of his house and home.

If he lives and works outside the village without the moshav's consent, that is another ground for expulsion. But suppose he wants to study at a university for a number of years, or to try his hand at some urban activity, and suppose that his wife and sons cultivate the farm satisfactorily — what business is it of the moshav to eject him?

We put the question to Mr. Yair Yairi, Registrar of Cooperative Societies in the Labour Ministry. He points out that, first, the moshav are not obliged to expel; secondly, they would need a two-thirds majority to do so under the statute; and thirdly, the injured party has the right of appeal to a court of justice. Apart from which, Mr. Yairi thinks the moshav would not be entitled to expel this particular offender, since his wife and children are members of the moshav in their own right, and therefore his farm is being cultivated by recognized partners in the cooperative.

A closer look at the text shows, however, that the bill allows a man's expulsion "if he is owner of the farm and does not work in it."

Ideology

Most questionable of all are the clauses which permit expulsion for ideological reasons, and they have roused a storm of debate. Without these provisions, religious parties will not support the bill; with them the bill has become obnoxious to liberal-minded men. There are two clauses. One states that in a moshav which has officially adopted the religious way of life in its charter, a member may be expelled "for habitually contravening in public the moshav's religious way of life."

The other clause gives as sufficient reason for expulsion "the practice of contravening obligations, whose violation has been approved as a ground for expulsion in a general assembly by a two-thirds majority of all members, and by the Minister."

There is a clause which states that despite the above, a man may not be expelled "for his opinions or his party membership"; which tends support to Mr. Yairi's opinion that expulsion of a man with heretical views is in practice almost impossible, provided he does not offend the religious susceptibilities of his neighbours — let us say, by driving his car on the Sabbath.

Yet there seems a lot of room still for dragging people's private lives, and for enforcing conformity. The lone wolf who goes against the majority of his fellow-villagers will have a thin time under this law. And how much real freedom of opinion can a young person possess, born in a religious or Mafsim moshav, where to be religious or to be Mafsim is part of the community's constitution? How is he to hear the other side?

This is not a new problem in Israel's politically affiliated settlements. But it is new, Mr. Abramov declares, to give it the sanction of law. There is worse to come. Anything the moshav happens, once in a blue moon, to put into its charter (with Ministerial approval) becomes a vested interest. It cannot be changed except by a majority of 75 per cent. One-quarter of the members can freeze the religious or ideological status quo. A bare majority, even a two-thirds majority cannot alter it.

'Double blow'

"This devastating provision cancels the basic human right to change your mind," Mr. Abramov proclaims. A new generation cannot legally alter the decision of their fathers, so long as an entrenched minority remains obstinately conservative. It is a double blow against human freedom, since "A contract which binds a person on a matter of conscience should itself be illegal. In England, if you were to sign an undertaking to vote Labour under pain of damages, that undertaking would not be enforceable in a court of law," he said.

Under the Moshav Bill power comes from above, not from below. Just as the moshav dominates the individual member, so the parent organization dominates the moshav. The moshav is registered with the parent organization whose services it has been using, say, Tsahal Ha-Moshavim — unless it demands a plebiscite (among its members) within 45 days. Failing a negative vote, it is wedded to the parent organization for the next decade.

Meanwhile the parent organization is represented on the moshav committee by an associate member, who has between one-quarter and one-third of the voting power, depending on the topic under discussion. He can impose subjects on the agenda, veto decisions of the committee, and the committee is powerless. Its only recourse is to order a plebiscite of all members.

Powers of state

The aim is to make sure that the moshav abides by cooperative society principles. Mr. Abramov believes that such supervisory powers belong to the State and should be exercised by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies — by Mr. Yairi, in fact. But the bill gives veto powers for another reason too. The associate member may suspend a decision of the general assembly of members "if it counters cooperative society principles, or the general objectives of the associate member" (our italics). This suspension does not apply if the decision was taken by a three-quarters majority; otherwise the issue has to be referred for arbitration to a three-man panel; one representing the associate member, one the moshav majority, and a chairman they choose jointly. If they cannot agree on a choice, the chairman is nominated by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

In general terms, the bill does protect individual rights; but it entranches the authorities. Though they are elected bodies, that is, appointed by the parties which win



ZALMAN ABRAMOV, M.K.

Israeli ship washed off Spain sandbar

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — The 3,000-ton Israeli freighter, M.S. Bat Snagir, which ran aground on a sandbank outside Barcelona Harbour on December 3, was washed off the bank "by a giant wave" at midnight New Year's eve.

The foreign stand-by crew aboard, though taken by surprise by the unexpected release, did not lose their heads despite the New Year celebrations. They got the engines running and called the Bat Snagir safely into the port. Mr. Yehuda Ofer, director of the Ofer Brothers Company, the owners, told The Post yesterday.

All efforts to remove the ship from the sandbank with the aid of tugs had failed. Almost all the cargo had been removed for greater buoyancy but this too had proved of no avail. She had been carrying Israeli exports: 1,000 tons of phosphate fertilizers, most of which were thrown overboard and 500 tons of general cargo, which was unloaded onto lighters.

Mr. Ofer said that on Friday, four weeks after the ship ran aground, the owners had given up hope for her recovery. The owners and the insurers had intended to declare the ship a total loss and abandon her on the sandbank today, when work resumed in Spain following the New Year week-end.

It now seems that the ship did not suffer serious damage as she had been lodged on soft sand. But when work is resumed this morning, she will undergo a thorough check and any repairs that may be necessary.

Indonesia frees 20,000 Communists

JAKARTA (Reuters). — The release as a New Year gesture of more than 20,000 Communist prisoners is the most sweeping step yet taken by the Indonesian Government in its cautious handling of the country's multitude of political detainees.

President Suharto in a New Year message announced the release of all Communist prisoners in the "C" category — those only indirectly involved in the 1965 abortive Communist coup attempt. Most are low-level members of Communist organizations.

More than 150,000 people were rounded up in a country-wide purge following the coup attempt and many thousands are still being held without trial six years after their arrest.

By last August the number of Communist detainees had decreased to 45,000, including 22,000 "C" class prisoners.

Army officials had complained they were being allocated insufficient funds to feed the prisoners, held in about 350 prisons throughout Indonesia.

They also said that many released Communists were reluctant to return home because they were threatened by local people who had become strongly anti-Communist.

Annual tests proposed for private pilots

LOD AIRPORT. — The Civil Aviation Authority has recommended that civilian pilots, in addition to having to undergo annual health tests, be subjected to an annual flying test as well.

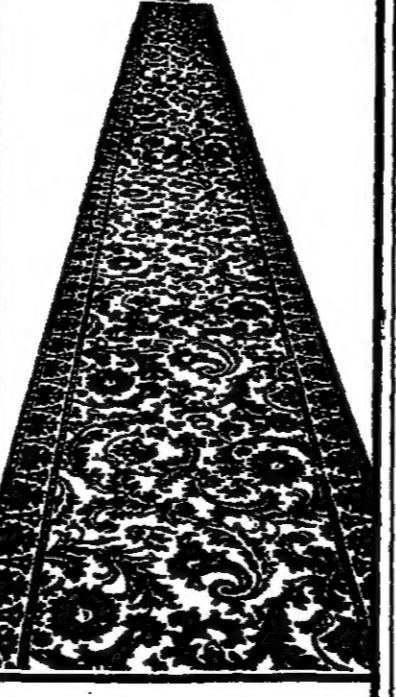
At present only those pilots employed by commercial companies have to undergo flying tests, while the holders of private licenses are only checked once every two years.

The Authority also recommended to the Minister of Transport that the number of hours a private pilot has to stay in the air in order to maintain his licence be increased from the present 40 per year. The Authority did not mention by how many hours it should be increased; but it said it felt that, if the number of fatal accidents by small aircraft is to be cut down, more hours in the air by amateur pilots are essential.

Meanwhile, the commission of inquiry into the fatal Cessna crash last Saturday is continuing. (Times)

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A Phantom solution

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TERROR DROPS IN GAZA STRIP

By H. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Total of 104 terrorists killed in the Gaza Strip during 1971. It was made known here today with the release of a report of figures that showed a 75 per cent decline in terrorist activity in the Gaza Strip in recent months. The number of terrorist attacks is estimated to be on the rise, and the number of acts have dropped, the three largest groups active in the Strip are the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Palestine Liberation Forces.

From May 1, 1971, to December 31, 1971, a total of 136 various acts of terrorism occurred with the highest number reported in June (21), and the lowest in December (5). Clashes with terrorists initiated by security forces numbered 36 in that period, with the highest number occurring in July (19) and the lowest in December (5).

The number of arrests of terrorist suspects totalled 887 in the period extending from May 1, 1971, to December 31, 1971. The smallest number of arrests was recorded in May (60) and the highest, in December (207).

The population of the Gaza Strip as of January 1, 1972, is 342,900. Of this, 198,000 are refugees. The natural increase for the Gaza Strip as a whole is 12,000 annually.

December, 1971, there was one case of grenade-throwing locally owned civilian motor vehicles. The target was not, as reported to be on the run, a terrorist. In June, 1971, there were 34 cases of mining, de-throwing and other acts of terrorism.

At the end of the Six Day War to December 31, 1971, 248 Israelis were killed by terrorists, 1,373 injured. Of these killed, 100 were children, and 55 women were injured. 245 were children (120 women).

During that period, 22 soldiers and 23 Israeli civilians were killed; soldiers injured, and 96 Israeli civilians injured. Fifteen members of the Jewish Agency were killed along the borders of the Gaza Strip and 72 were injured during the same period.

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Prof. Fraenkel (left) and Dr. Schwob in their laboratory.

H.U. scores physics first

Two Hebrew University scientists have obtained the world's most exact X-ray spectrum of highly stripped ionized atoms, the University reported yesterday. At the same time, they created a temperature of 200 million degrees Centigrade, one of the highest ever measured on earth.

The experiment was carried out by Professor Benjamin Fraenkel and Dr. Jean-Louis Schwob, a visiting scientist from France. A simple instrument, built in the University's workshop at a low cost, was used. The experiment is said to have solved several problems of spectroscopy and astrophysics. It involves the duplication of conditions in solar flares.

The Israeli success follows several abortive attempts in the U.S., according to the University.

Shaki urges IL10m. annual scholarship fund for Oriental college students

By SUSAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In order to ensure that at least 5,000 students of Oriental (Jewish) origin study at Israel's universities every year, there has to be a central fund of at least IL10m. a year, Deputy Education Minister Avner Shaki told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

There are plenty of scholarships for needy pupils at the secondary school level, Dr. Shaki said, but they are a hopeless mess. There are hundreds of different scholarships available from all sorts of different communal and ethnic organizations, but some of them are "semi-secret, or at least unpublicized." There has to be a central fund, he said, and a central registry of all the different scholarships which could be distributed to parents and school principals.

Some of these funds, Dr. Shaki said, are quite sizeable; but they often do not reach needy students simply because nobody knows about them. Dr. Shaki added that he would like a group of university students "to sit down and do some research on just how many funds there are in Israel for needy students."

Zionist Youth Dep't plans U.S.-Israel study cruise

A trans-continental trip by a "freedom bus" and a trans-oceanic "study cruise" are among the techniques being employed by the World Zionist Organization's Youth Department in an attempt to get the message of Israel and Jewish consciousness across to Diaspora youth.

The techniques were described at a press conference yesterday by the head of the department, Mordechai Bar-On, former chief army educational officer.

The "freedom bus," carrying a Russian youth and girl who had recently immigrated to Israel, travelled across the U.S. last year on a two-and-a-half-month trip that brought them to dozens of small Jewish communities not normally reached by Israel emissaries. They discussed the reawakening of Jewish identity at each stop, and were enthusiastically received by local youth as well as by political figures, Mr. Bar-On said.

The study cruise is to be undertaken next year, when the Department leases a ship for a trip between the U.S. and Israel, on which seminars on Israel and Judaism will be conducted for the young passengers. The ship will pick up European youth on the way. After touring Israel, the group will fly home.

Mr. Bar-On said that, while there

Bleiman leading in chess tourney Teachers declare labour dispute for principals

By ELIAHU SHARAF
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Ya'acov Bleiman, 24, emerged as sole leader after the first five rounds of the Israel Chess Championships in Haifa, scoring four points in five games. He was closely followed by Samuel Friedman, 20 with 3.5 points.

Uri Geller is third, with three points. Title-holder Shimon Kagan was tied for the fourth place with Yedea Stepak, Meir Rom, Shmuel Giti and Eliezer Agur three points each.

The sixth round of the men's championships and the first round of the women's event open at Beit Yad Lebanim in Tel Aviv at 5.30 this afternoon. The final round will be held on Saturday, January 15. Prizes will be presented the following day.

Among the 12 women participants are former Rumanian champion Lidia Gal (Gurojo), of Frankfurt, as well as most of the top Israeli women players.

No improvement in Plem flu

Jerusalem's Magen David Adom reported yesterday that flu is still very much around. On Friday and Saturday Magen David Adom doctors treated 240 cases, which is over double the usual Sabbath case-load. Most of these extra cases, Mr. Haim Vigolik, Magen David Adom's director reported, were flu.

Israel now has 6,259 doctors

There were 6,259 practising physicians in Israel at the end of 1971, a Labour Ministry survey shows. About half were born after 1920.

The survey also reveals that more than half of Israel's doctors work in the centre of the country, a quarter in the North, about 13 per cent in Jerusalem and about five per cent in the South.

Of the 6,259 practising physicians, close to half describe themselves as "general practitioners" or "family physicians." Approximately 12 per cent are pediatricians; another 12 per cent, internists; six per cent, gynaecologists; six per cent, general surgeons; three per cent, anaesthetists; three per cent, ophthalmologists; three per cent, psychiatrists; two per cent, skin specialists; and two per cent, radiologists.

Flamingo boom in Sinai reserve

TEL AVIV. — Some 10,000 flamingoes have been counted by bird-watchers in the El-Malha swamps in northeastern Sinai, opposite Port Said, the Nature Reserves Authority announced yesterday.

Before the Six Day War, people used to catch the flamingo nestlings and also took their eggs. Since the area was designated off limits to civilians, the flamingo population has been increasing steadily, the Authority reports.

Synagogue meeting opens next Sunday

The Second World Conference of National Synagogue Organizations and Kehillot will open in Jerusalem next Sunday. The 700 foreign delegates will be representing Orthodox synagogues throughout the world.

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Teachers Union yesterday officially declared a labour dispute, over the failure of the Ministry of Education to pay elementary school principals the full emoluments they are meant to receive for administrative work. The Union spokesman told The Jerusalem Post last night that if the December salary cheques (which are to be distributed this week) do not include the emoluments, the principals will strike on January 16.

The spokesman called the projected principals strike "our first move in case our demands are not met," hinting at a possible teachers strike as well. Union sources, however, told The Jerusalem Post that they do not believe that a strike is imminent, "as the differences between the Union and the Ministry are not differences of principle."

The issue is a leftover from the great Union-Ministry dispute over the school reform. At the time, the Union feared that the elementary school principals would suffer, as

Commerce Min. staff demand new tender for section chief

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The staff committee of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry yesterday won the backing of the Jerusalem Labour Council for its demand that the Ministry hold a new tender for the post of head of its Leather and Tanning Section. The staff committee claims that the tender held recently was rigged and that the administration had decided in advance on the man who would be given the post.

Last August, an internal tender was issued; but none of the candidates for the post was considered suitable. Subsequently a public tender was issued with more stringent requirements. Four of the Ministry staff applied for the post, but none was chosen. Instead, an official of the Ministry of Communications was awarded the job. The staff committee claims that the winner of the tender does not have the required qualifications for the position as outlined in the tender, and that in fact the administration had selected him for the post in advance.

The Executive of the Jerusalem Labour Council decided yesterday that it would back the demand of the workers for a new tender, and that it would support any steps taken by the workers to achieve this end, including a general strike.

Journalist sues Mekorot P.R. man

TEL AVIV. — "Ha'aruts" journalist Yigal Lavi yesterday filed a IL25,000 libel suit against Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Jacobovitz.

Lavi, the newspaper's economic correspondent, in his brief in the District Court, quotes the spokesman as telling the press in Haifa last week that Lavi had offered to desert from writing critical articles about Mekorot and its foreign subsidiary Vered, if the company agreed to send him on a two-week trip to Rio de Janeiro at carnival time.

Lavi denies he made such an offer, and says the initiative for the trip to Brazil came from the Mekorot management. The defence brief has not yet been filed.

Farewell receptions for Gideon Rafael

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Foreign Ministry staff committee made a presentation to the former Director-General, Mr. Gideon Rafael, on Friday. A spokesman paid tribute to "the high degree of professionalism which Mr. Rafael brought to his work in the Ministry."

Yesterday, Mr. Rafael was the guest of the Secretary-General of the Histadrut and the Histadrut International Department at a farewell reception.

TELETYPE AND THREADS

valued at IL40,000 were stolen from the Tel Aviv shop of Adolph Hafimov on Saturday night. About IL12,000 worth of antiques were stolen from Natan Pont's shop in Jafa.

Educational TV in work dispute

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The staff of Educational Television has declared a labour dispute, demanding status and pay equal to that of Broadcasting Authority employees. If their demands are not met within the coming fortnight, the staffers may go on strike.

Last month, they held a one-day protest strike. They claim that standards have dropped since Educational Television stopped being a Rothschild family trust and came under the Ministry of Education. They charge that their superiors in the Ministry have "little understanding of television."

U.S. cuts orders to Israel Translations

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Israel Programme for Scientific Translations yesterday issued dismissal notices to some dozen workers, causing rumours to fly around the company that about 150 staff members were being laid off.

Mr. Y. Rishin, the general manager, told The Jerusalem Post that the rumours of large-scale dismissals was false. "We laid off only 10 or 15 workers. This was caused by cuts in the U.S. budget, which has led to a 25 per cent cutback in orders for translations which they give us."

'Soldiers Bank' grew 35% in one year

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Otzar Hebayas, the "soldiers' bank," matched up a 35 per cent growth-rate during 1971, Mr. Yitzhak Cohen, its general manager, reported last week.

Other details of the bank's growth, which has just celebrated its 25th anniversary, were given by Menahem Kazenellenboger, Nathan Shani, and Haim Glinsky, joint managers of the bank, which has 12 branches, five of them within army camps. The bank expects to open its 13th branch soon — in Bir Zeit, West Bank.

Founded in 1946 on the basis of funds set aside by almost 5,000 of the 32,000 Palestinians in the British forces, the bank later received the savings of the 1,400 Palestinians captured by the Axis forces.

Last year, the bank's volume was IL72m., compared to IL54m. in 1970 and IL41m. in 1969.

The paid-up capital grew from IL4m. in 1970 to IL5m. last year; outstanding loans from IL44m. to IL55m.; savings from IL48m. to IL58m.; and the securities department from IL15m. to IL18m.

Although primarily aimed at serving the armed forces, many of the customers continue to use the bank after leaving the army. It is also used by reservists on duty. In all, the bank has 25,000 outstanding loans and 15,000 persons possessing savings accounts.

Building firm paying 20% dividend

TEL AVIV. — The Solel Boneh-sponsored Building and Public Works Company will pay a 20 per cent dividend on their "A" preference shares for the years 1969 and 1970 (10 per cent per year).

Economic policy helped Israel catch up with Egypt

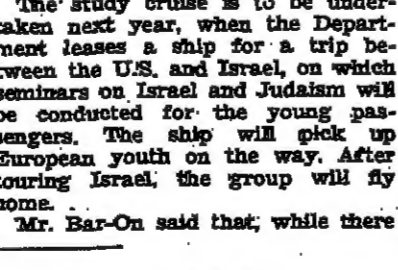
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Israel's policy of austerity and restraint has at least this to be said for it: that it helped the country make giant strides in catching up with Egypt on the economic front, according to official figures released from different sources last week.

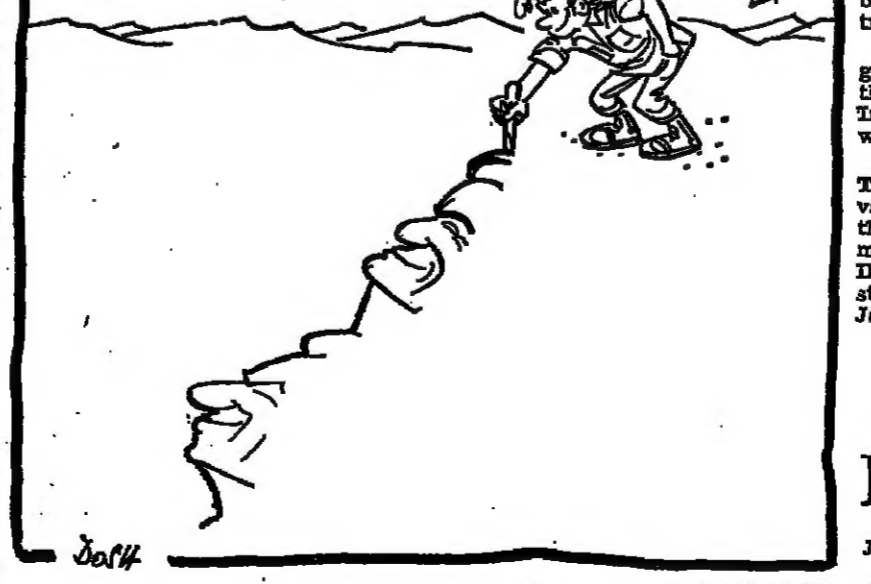
Latest information on the national accounts (published by the Central Bureau of Statistics) show that Israel's Gross National Product rose by seven per cent in 1970 and again by seven per cent this year, while private per capita consumption did not increase in 1970 and rose by only 0.5 per cent in 1971.

Despite a steep ascent in defence expenditure since the Six Day War, Israel's total investment went up from \$640m. in 1967 to \$1,615m. this year. In Egypt, investment fell from \$389m. in 1967 to \$905m. this year.

The result of this trend is that output rose in Israel from \$3,850m. in 1967 to \$5,960m. in 1971, an increase of 55 per cent. Output rose in Egypt during the same period from \$3,650m. to \$6,900m. — an increase of 22 per cent. The sources of this information point out that Egypt was handicapped by the loss



From the Bar-Lev line to the Dado line



By arrangement with 'Ma'ariv'

Man shot in Ulster clash 70,000 work in building trade

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TEL AVIV. — Some 47,000 Israelis and nearly 23,000 workers from the administered areas are engaged in the building industry, Mr. Mordechai Amster, Secretary of the Building Workers Union, reported last week. Some 2,000 Israelis joined the trade during the past year.

Mr. Yosef Sharon, the Director-General of the Ministry of Housing, told the union secretariat that the total amount of building started in 1971 was 5.6m. square metres — double the previous year's figure. Some 5m. square metres of building construction work was completed during 1971 compared with 4.3m. the previous year. The Ministry's five-year housing plan, which begins in April, will provide homes for 47,000 families out of the 100,000 living in poor conditions.

Toy Fund still awaiting old friends

By HELEN ROSSI
Jerusalem Post Women's Editor

Contributions are still coming in for The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund. Yesterday's list comes to IL1,272.20, bringing the total so far to IL35,027.70. It will surely go higher, as some of our old friends have not yet checked in.

Before final decisions are taken as to just how many calls the Toy Fund will answer this year, we must know how much the drive will bring in. WHM coming in almost steadily — held up, no doubt, by heavy Christmas and New Year deliveries as well as the inclement weather — we have still not been able to make up our minds. One thing we are sure of, though, is that, whenever the Toy Fund

gifts get delivered (and Bet and Bar Mitzvah watches always go out during the year, as does sports equipment), the recipients will be overjoyed.

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Knesset staff complain of maladministration

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Disaffection is rife among Knesset staff about a series of alleged administrative irregularities on the part of one or two senior officials. The staff claim that the responsible Knesset authorities have not dealt forcefully with them.

The Knesset Clerk-designate, Mr. Netanel Lorch — who will be formally introduced to parliamentary correspondents tonight by Speaker Reuven Barkat — will have to investigate these allegations once he takes over from outgoing Clerk Haim Lior on April 1. Mr. Lorch actually started working yesterday, at the beginning of a three-month running-in period.

Mr. Barkat is expected to answer correspondents' questions about the allegations at his press conference tonight.

The allegations refer to irregular procedures in the purchase of scores of thousands of pounds worth of equipment and the assignment of scores of thousands of pounds worth of work to outside contractors, without a tender.

One staff member, who told me he wished to remain anonymous on the grounds that some of his colleagues had been victimized for their complaints, said: "Nearly all of us are demoralized because some senior officials are running the Knesset in a manner that defies all accepted management practice, and are also abusing their administrative authority in a petty manner."

ness side were unexplainably vague. This apparently stems from the fact that the House Rules make the Knesset Secretariat, budget and staff absolutely independent fields subject only to the authority of the Speaker. Yet precise regulations have never yet been laid down regarding grades, salaries, business management, and so on, and no machinery exists for control or financial audit.

Since the Knesset was first established, all successive Speakers and Clerks have been chosen for their political and parliamentary qualities, not for their management skills, although management is their responsibility.

This situation apparently left room for the possibility that staff conditions were fixed according to individual pressures and individual relationships, in some cases, the resultant jealousy and friction may have been responsible for the present mounting wave of allegations about impropriety.

And in the meantime, the roof of the U.I.M. building still leaks. Following last week's rain, mould has appeared on at least one wall, in the press section.

Industry raps Government price control

TEL AVIV. — The Manufacturers' Association has come out strongly against Government control of prices.

At its meeting last night, the Association Executive Council decided to ask for a meeting with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, to demand a cancellation of price control — which, it claims, discriminates against industry, while doing nothing to stop rising prices in the service branches of the economy.

The Executive also approved a report from Zalman Suzaryet, chairman of the Association's Labour Committee, on wage policy for negotiations, which starts with the Histadrut today. It called on members not to negotiate work agreements outside the framework of agreed policy.

Staff disaffection came to light recently when complaints against senior officials resulted in the Speaker appointing two Knesset Members to conduct separate investigations. Deputy Speaker Ben-Zion Keshet (Gahal) submitted his report to the Speaker some days ago, but the staff committee complained that Mr. Barkat was willing to make public only sections of the report. (The probe by Deputy Speaker Shlomo Rosen (Alignment-Mapan) is still under way.)

The staff committee is anxious to avoid a repetition of a situation two years ago, when workers raised charges of malpractice in the maintenance section. The resultant inquiry was allegedly stopped halfway, and nothing was published.

One staff source told me that two employees who had complained about irregularities — one in regard to manpower management and the other in regard to finances — had been arbitrarily suspended.

The same source said that 10 employees of one section were threatening sanctions over an alleged plan by their superior to resign and become a private contractor serving all the Knesset's needs in that field. The 10 employees allege that their chief plans to get them all dismissed, so that he can rehire them on his own terms to work for him instead of for the Knesset administration.

In yet another criticism, the source told me that the dividing lines in the administration between security, maintenance, and the bus-



Tamar Bar-Lev waves happily to photographers as she and her husband, former Chief of Staff Haim Bar-Lev, walk along Tel Aviv's Rehov Ibn Grizol yesterday. (David Sam)



Newly appointed Chief of Staff Ben-Ali David Elazar and his wife are shown leaving Beit Sokolov, in Tel Aviv, yesterday, where they were the luncheon guests of the Editors' Committee. (Sturphot)

Bar-Lev to U.S., Britain on speaking tour

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former chief of staff Haim Bar-Lev, who is expected to enter political life in March as Minister of Commerce and Industry, is to leave for the U.S. and Britain this week, on a speaking tour. He is also expected to visit Africa and the Far East before March and has already accepted speaking engagements on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds.

When he joins the Cabinet, Mr. Bar-Lev will become the 13th Labour Party minister; he will be on the Party's "ex-Mapan" quota.

The Tel Aviv branch of the Labour Party has not yet received a formal application for Party membership from Mr. Bar-Lev, it was learned yesterday. However, an official said: "We are sure he will find his way to us." As a Zehala resident, Mr. Bar-Lev comes under the Tel Aviv branch.

Meanwhile, the appointment to the Cabinet of Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin has been ruled out for the moment. Mr. Rabin is at present on home leave for the observance of the *shloshim* memorial day for his father, and his friends have been hard at work utilizing the time to clear up his political prospects.

Key figures in the ex-Mapan section of the Labour Party oppose his inclusion, saying he would increase former Ahdut Ha'avoda representation in the Cabinet and thereby upset the internal political balance.

Reliable party sources also explained the decision to postpone his appointment as being connected with the Government's wish to exploit his experience in Washington for the delicate period of negotiations with the Nixon Administration expected in the immediate future.

AREA LEADERS AT RECEPTION

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Hebron Mayor Shalich Mohammed Ali Jarabari and Gaza Mayor Rashad Shanaa were among the honoured guests at last night's reception at Tel Aviv Museum for the incoming and outgoing chiefs of staff.

Also present at the event, which was given by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, were Prime Minister Golda Meir, almost the entire Cabinet, members of the Diplomatic Corps, senior army officers, and all the former Chief of Staff.

Hoover for better homes

THE WEATH

Forecast: Partly cloudy with drizzle of local rain.

Weather synopsis: Weak ridge over moving into our area.

City	Temp	Wind
Jerusalem	57	1-10
Golan	78	2-10
Nahariya	69	6-10
Safed	67	6-10
Haifa	67	6-10
Tiberias	66	6-10
Nazareth	66	6-10
Akko	67	6-10
Shoubran	76	6-10
Tel Aviv	66	6-10
Lod	66	6-10
Jericho	72	7-10
Gaza	60	10-15
BeerSheva	60	10-15
Eilat	40	5-20
Tiran	40	5-20

ARRIVAL

The editor-in-chief and managing director of the Paris daily "Le Monde", Mr. Roland Gode, visited as guest of the Foreign Minister, Leonard Suss, during his official visit to Israel.

'Black Hebrews' say he was registered as a Jew

The Interior Ministry has "recognized" a child born to a "Black Hebrew" couple as Jewish, it was stated yesterday in an application placed before the Supreme Court asking for a stay of the expulsion order against eight "Black Hebrews" arrested in Jericho two weeks ago.

The applicants asked the Court to extend the 15-day period of grace it had given them on December 21 against the Ministry's deportation order. That period expires on Wednesday. They said the grace period did not give them sufficient time to prepare their case against the Ministry's order.

To back up their argument more time is needed, they said, when Shimon Peres was born in the Central Hospital in BeerSheva on 11-21-1913, she was registered as a Jew.

Such "recognition" by the Ministry that one of their children is Jewish "makes it clear that time is needed" to prepare their case, they said in their application.

Justice Haim Cohn, who yesterday's application, accepted nor rejected it. He ruled that the Interior Ministry, if it shows cause why it should not be bound by the "Black Hebrews" case, the "Black Hebrews" would begin hearings on an appeal by the "Black Hebrews" a delay in the execution of deportation order.

U.K. Labour 'reinforcements' LOD AIRPORT

A large number of the British Labour Party arrived yesterday. The 20-strong group of Labour Party members includes 11 members of parliament and one member of the House of Lords.

Asked why their arrival after the expiry of President Sadat's deadline for "The Egyptian Decision" was not postponed, Labour spokesman Robert Carr said jokingly: "We thought we need reinforcements."

West Bank college opens

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HEBRON. — Mayor Mohammed Ali Jarabari yesterday opened here the West Bank's first Institute of Islamic Studies. The college aims to train high school students for religious duties. It will be officially inaugurated later this month.

Forty students, 25 of them girls, have enrolled so far. The staff of 10 is headed by the area Khatib (religious judge), most of whom were educated at Cairo's Al-Azhar University.

Kollek: Gahal acts like opposition

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday accused Gahal of acting like an opposition party in Jerusalem — although it is a member of the Municipal Council coalition. The situation, he said, could not continue.

In an open letter to local Gahal leader Haim Corfu, Mr. Kollek cited recent reports in the press of "discrimination" from municipal policies attributed to the Gahal branch in Jerusalem. "You appear in the newspapers every so often as the sole defenders, as it were, of the unity of Jerusalem, and as the impediment to pro-Arab policies of Meron Benvenisti and myself. I cannot agree to a situation whereby you profit from the partnership (in the coalition) on the one hand and, on the other, attempt to build yourself up as a nationalistic opposition safeguarding the soul of the Jewish nation. There is a lack of fairness and honesty on your part in attacking Meron Benvenisti, because this is interpreted as a considered attack on me and on the Municipality as a whole."

Mr. Corfu said last night he saw no reason for Mr. Kollek's "sensitivities." He said the Mayor was apparently referring to recent reports of discussions within the Herut faction of Gahal in which Mr. Benvenisti, in charge of East Jerusalem affairs for the Municipality, was attacked for his efforts to save an Arab house, weakened by archaeological excavations, from being destroyed. "Mr. Kollek should only relate to formal statements, not internal party discussions," Mr. Corfu said.

Untermann's secret meeting aims at unity

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Untermann has invited a number of non-political public figures to his home tomorrow to discuss various problems affecting Israel society.

The Chief Rabbi issued "secret" invitations at the end of last week, but by yesterday they had been leaked by some recipients to the radio, and to one of the evening papers.

In florid phrases, the invitation laments the recent weakening of the public's faith in its leadership, and the intensification of party-political strife. The purpose of tomorrow's gathering will be to discuss ways of encouraging greater harmony and unity in the nation — "particularly at this time, when we are expecting the arrival of our brothers from Russia."

From the small number of invitees whom The Jerusalem Post succeeded in identifying, it would seem that the discussion will represent a very broad spectrum of opinion and public life in the country.

Rabbi Untermann himself refused last night to say anything at all about the planned discussion.

Bullion theft suspect remanded

LYDDA. — El Al bus driver Raymond Azulai was yesterday remanded in custody for seven days, accused of stealing the consignment of gold which disappeared a month ago from a London-Lod flight.

Police investigations discovered IL40,000 in the accused's bank account and a further IL20,000 at his home in cheques and cash. Azulai claims he won the money in card games in East Jerusalem.

El Al has set up a commission of inquiry. The company spokesman said its results would be passed on to the police. The driver has meanwhile been suspended. (Nina)

Parcel bomb reaches factory

A parcel arriving at a factory yesterday was found to contain an explosive device. The parcel, which was marked "Desk Diary," was sent to the factory, which carries out work for the Defence Ministry. It aroused suspicion and a police sapper was summoned. The sapper opened the parcel and later exploded it.

GUATEMALA AID

The Cabinet yesterday ratified a general convention for technical cooperation with Guatemala.

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Old rabbinical court by Western Wall coming down

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The former Jordanian schoolhouse near the Western Wall, which served as the home of the Rabbinical Supreme Court since 1967, is being demolished. While the last of the court furniture was being carried out of the front door yesterday, workmen of the Jewish Quarter Rehabilitation Company were swinging away with sledgehammers at the stonework and roof.

The building was declared unsafe by municipal engineers in October and, with much reluctance, the dayanis recently moved to temporary premises at Beit Straus across the Wall Plaza.

Last week, sections of the building collapsed, partially burying the court's library and records. These were salvaged, however, more-or-less intact.

The dayanim and the Ministry of Religious Affairs accuse Professor Elyashiv Mazar's archeologists of deliberately undermining the foundations of the schoolhouse, in order to force the Rabbinical Court out, then have the building destroyed, and explore the promising strata of ruins beneath it. Prof. Mazar told The Jerusalem Post that the accusations were baseless. The building had always been unstable, he said, and the winter rain and wind had done their work.

WOMAN KILLED ON HERMON ROAD

KIRYAT SHMONA. — A woman was killed and two other persons lightly injured when their car overturned and fell down the mountain-side near Majdal Shams yesterday afternoon.

An army ambulance, arriving immediately after the accident, speeded the victims to the Rambam Hospital in Haifa, but the woman, Rosalie Weinstein, died on the way. Mrs. Weinstein, of Haifa, was the mother of two children.

Three soldiers were injured last night, when their jeep collided with an Egged bus in Jerusalem at the corner of Rehov Shmuel Hanavi and Bar-Ilan. The jeep was almost totally destroyed.

Begin to London for Herut meeting

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Herut chairman Menachem Begin is scheduled to fly to London next Sunday for a two-day visit. Mr. Begin will be the main speaker at a conference of Herut supporters in the British Zionist Movement, and will appear in a number of newspaper, TV and radio interviews.

This will be the first "proper" visit of the former commander of Irgun Zva' Leumi to Great Britain since he emerged from the underground fight against British forces in Mandatory Palestine. Close to Mr. Begin said last night that, despite the efforts to stop his visit (by pro-Arab Labour M.P. Christopher Mayhew), the Herut leader does not expect any trouble from that direction.

The absence of Mr. Begin will provide an excuse for the Gahal leadership to postpone any thorough probe of the causes of the tension between the Herut and Liberal partners in Gahal.

JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY

Notice to dog-owners in Jerusalem

Licences will be issued and anti-rabies injections will be given in January and February 1972 at the offices of the Veterinary Service, 12 Jaffa, every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 12 noon-6 p.m.

Dog owners are herewith reminded of the Law concerning Rabies (par. 9 (A)):

"The veterinarian officer must order that all dogs which are not licensed or not wearing a muzzle when taken out, should be killed, as well as dogs without licences."

In accordance with the Law the Municipality carries out nightly operations in order to minimize the number of stray dogs, which regularly roam the suburbs of Jerusalem.

The Municipal Veterinary Officer

SHORT TERM LOAN

This week, on Wednesday, the following series will be issued:

Series	Price to the Public per IL1,000	Annual Income (Net of Income Tax)
18 months	936.45	9.125%
12 months	958.72	9.000%
6 months	979.64	8.750%
3 months	990.21	8.500%

Bonds are available at all banks and from Stock Exchange Members.

Preference for this week's issue will be given to orders placed before Tuesday.

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